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Re: Patent Application No.: 09/955,816
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Vegetable and Fruit Cleaning Tool

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of a Notice of Abandonment we received on November 06, 2003 regarding the above-mentioned matter.


Also enclosed is a copy of a Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail and a Transmittal of Substitute Drawings with 15 pages of Substitute Drawings attached.

Please withdraw the Notice of Abandonment due to the fact that we did file a reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers prior to the December 22, 2001 deadline.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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